

INK SLINGS.

Next Monday will mark the end of the trout fishing season. After all happiness is only an evidence of one's ability to see things right. Don't fuss and fret because the weather is hot. Keep cool; its pleasant.

The wet weather of the fore part of the week has seriously retarded the work of housing the grain.

This district should surely send a Congressman to Washington who will be in sympathy with President Wilson.

Captain Koenig of the submarine Deutschland says the ocean is deep and wide. And monkeying around on the bottom is dangerous.

Monday will close the trout fishing season for 1916 and a lot of people will have one less excuse for the neglect of other matters.

The average male heart weighs from ten to twelve ounces. John D. Rockefeller's is probably not near up to the average else he would put the price of gasoline down.

We are not for the Allies, nor are we for the Germans but we would like to see the Deutschland make a clean get-away, just because it is human nature to be for the under dog.

Lackawanna county proposes to test the constitutionality of the Mother's Pension act. The politicians up there are probably afraid that unless the mothers are cut out there won't be enough to go round.

If baldness is hereditary we have reason to pity two little boys if they are spared long enough to come into their inheritance, especially when the days get full of humidity and the flies are as pestiferous as they are now.

The State Department of Agriculture has called upon State Economic Zoologist Surface to bite the dust, so far as his future service to that Department is concerned, and we are sure he would much rather bite a cabbage worm.

If Russia maintains its present rate of increase it will have a population of 600,000,000 by the end of this century. Certainly such statistics should throw cold water on any Teutonic hope of being able to manufacture enough ammunition to exterminate such a horde.

The purchase of the Danish West Indies gives to the United States possession of islands of the utmost strategic value, both as to military and commercial affairs. Negotiations for their purchase had been going on, off and on, since the administration of President Johnson.

Childhood's sweetest songster is gone. James Whitcomb Riley is no more, but the "Raggedy Man," "The Little Tin Soldier," "The Old Swamin' Hole," "The Goblins'll Get You if You Don't Watch Out," and many others of his matchless verses will charm the children of endless generations and impress the memory of the Hoosier Poet indelibly on their minds when shafts of granite are green and neglected and figures of bronze have corroded into meaningless shapes.

Troop L is reported as being quarantined because measles have broken out among the troopers. Preparedness is being carried so far nowadays that we would not be surprised to hear some of the extremists charging the parents of the unfortunate soldiers with not having the best interest of the country at heart because they did not expose their boys to this infantile malady when they were kids and thereby save the tying up of an entire Troop in a time of emergency.

There is absolutely no reason why it should be so, but the Chautauqua has not aroused the interest in this community that we thought possible. It might be that Bellefonte is so continuously catered to with attractions such as Chautauqua offers that she is satiated with them. From a purely intellectual standpoint, however, there should never be enough of such refining diversion. The failure to make the undertaking self-supporting is probably due to the fact that there are not enough people in the community who crave the Chautauqua atmosphere.

All the stories about hardships to the contrary the "Watchman's" correspondent with Troop L, 1st Penna. Cavalry, writes to the effect that the boys of that Troop are happy, getting a lot of valuable experience and are being well taken care of. Playing the real military game isn't an evening excursion to a pleasure park and the failure of some men to realize this is probably the cause of many of the stories of needless hardships that the soldiers are suffering in Texas. All of the boys of Troop L know what comforts are and many of them have been accustomed to luxuries at home, but we are exceedingly happy and proud to hear that they have the good sense to discriminate between what they enjoyed as private citizens and what they have a right to expect as soldiers.

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Hughes the Choice of the Kaiser.

It is absolutely certain that the Republican leaders were opposed to the nomination of Justice Hughes as the candidate of their party for President. Mr. Crane, of Massachusetts; Mr. Barnes, of New York; Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania; Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, and all others affiliated with "the Old Guard" resorted to every expedient to secure another candidate. Neither did the Progressive leaders want him nominated. Roosevelt had practically singled him out as the one man under consideration whose nomination would not be endorsed by the Bull Moose. His final appeal to the convention was in behalf of Senator Lodge in order to avert the nomination of Hughes.

There was an undercurrent of opinion in the convention; however, that was stronger than the stalwart leaders and more potent than Roosevelt. It originated in Berlin, Germany, and under the fostering care of the German embassy in Washington developed a strength which got beyond control. While Captain Boy Ed and Captain von Papin were hiring men to blow up munition factories and powder mills in this country they were equally active in promoting the Hughes movement in the Republican party and when the Chicago convention assembled it had become a question of taking Hughes or Roosevelt. Neither was satisfactory but Hughes seemed the lesser of the evils and he was nominated.

Thus Charles E. Hughes, the nominee of the Republican party for President of the United States, is the choice of the German Kaiser, the hyphenates in this country and the irreconcilables who hate Woodrow Wilson. Roosevelt has no political principles and never had any. There has never been a time when he was not willing to embrace any heresy that would carry him into office. He understands that Wilson defeated his ambition for a third term for all time and hates him with the venom of a viper. He is perfectly willing to adopt the candidate of the German conspiracy in order to vent his spite upon Wilson but the vast majority of the American voters will take another view of the subject.

Bill Sulzer is going to get a nomination for President even if he has to create a new party for the purpose. That shows that he is the "same Old Bill."

Penrose Disappoints the Public.

The acquisition of the Danish West India Islands is another diplomatic triumph which will increase and intensify Roosevelt's hatred of President Wilson. The Colonel tried to achieve the result while he was President and failed because the Danes justly distrusted him. Other administrations have failed also in this respect for various reasons. In 1865 negotiations were begun by Secretary of State Seward and in 1867 a treaty was made but it was not ratified. During the administration of President Grant another attempt failed and in 1892 President Harrison's administration took the matter up but failed to complete the enterprise. In 1902 under Roosevelt another failure was scored.

It was not until Germany developed an ambition to become a great naval power, however, that the acquisition of these islands became important to this country and only since the beginning of the great war in Europe that the matter became essential to our welfare. Then President Wilson set himself to the task. He didn't bluster or boast about it but he first satisfied the Danes of the integrity of his purpose, enlisted their friendship and finally accomplished the result. While Roosevelt was blathering that no steps were being taken in the direction of preparedness this most important of all conceivable movements along those lines was being advanced and now the completion is announced.

The treaty must be ratified by the Congress of the United States and the Danish Parliament but those who have been promoting the enterprise are entirely confident of the issue. The price, \$25,000,000, is a considerable sum of money but it will be put to a good purpose for it will not only guarantee the security of the Isthmian canal but will prevent any other power from establishing naval stations at a point where vast harm could be done to us in the event of war. This is the sort of preparedness that counts and the kind of achievements that challenge the admiration of the world. It represents the highest development of diplomacy and the grandest victory of peace.

Great Navy Provided For.

After all the talk, the bickering and the buncombe which have been indulged in too freely for several weeks, the Senate on Friday, passed the Naval appropriation bill by a vote of seven-tenths to one. It is the last word in preparedness and involves an outlay within a few years of \$315,857,588. That is a vast sum of money but in the opinion of the highest authorities the money will be wisely spent. As an esteemed contemporary states "public feeling in this country is such that a large army will never be practicable," and "in proportion as the country is averse to a large army in peace, it must reconcile itself to a large navy."

The building programme covers a period of three years within which time sixty-six ships are to be constructed. Of these four will be battleships of the super-dreadnaught type, four battle cruisers and four scout cruisers. There is little difference in expense between battleships and battle cruisers and the scout cruisers will cost nearly as much as either. But each of the types are needed to make a well-balanced equipment and when they are provided our navy will be second only to that of Great Britain and not behind it. The bill also provides for twenty torpedo boat destroyers, three big and twenty-seven smaller submarines and fuel, ammunition and hospital ships to balance the force.

Of course a good deal of the sum appropriated will go for other essentials in naval equipment. There will be an increase in the personnel and in the coast guard as well as in the aviation and munition services while the dry docks will be enlarged and modernized. A naval and marine reserve will be created and an armor plate factory is provided for at an expense of \$11,000,000. These are big figures and imply ambitious plans but they are needed in our business and the country will commend the action of Congress in providing them in time to avert danger, if possible, or to meet it if inevitable. Besides it takes the sound out of roar against unpreparedness.

Don't rely too implicitly on General Herrera. Possibly he wants the mines open so as to enable him to confiscate the products of their operation.

Another Diplomatic Triumph.

The report that Senator Penrose is abetting the falsehoods in respect to the mistreatment of militiamen on the Mexican border and enroute thereto, is incredible. It was to be expected that politicians of small calibre would strive to make party capital out of such things, true or false. But men of character and force are not expected to resort to such expedients. Even if the tales were true they should not be told for they impair public confidence, not in the administration in Washington, but in the agencies of government which are not influenced by political considerations. If there is fault it lies not in the executive office but in the War Department primarily and actually in the high officers of the army.

Major General Tasker H. Bliss of the regular army has just completed an inspection of the militia camps on the border and reports that they are in admirable condition. "I have now personally visited all the camps, approximately 30,000 men," he writes, "and have interviewed company, brigade and division commanders. Without exception they have denounced every story that has appeared in the newspapers as to insufficiency or poor quality of rations as a deliberate falsehood." No one can say that General Bliss is influenced by political friendship for the President in making such a declaration. He is simply telling the facts as they appeared to his experienced mind after a thorough investigation of the subject.

The movement of the militia to the border was a vast undertaking. The men were unprepared for service and unfamiliar with the duties and responsibilities of actual army life. The railroads were not fully equipped for the service they were called upon to perform and at least a considerable proportion of the men were used to more luxurious accommodations than were afforded. But every one concerned got the best that it was possible to give and no one actually suffered unless by his own improvidence. The attempt to magnify these incidents into faults is in effect planting discontent among the men and working injury to the government. We had no idea that Senator Penrose would descend to this sort of scurvy politics.

Protest Against the Deal.

The Progressives of New York are less tractable than those in this State, according to the signs. There Mr. Perkins tried to use the steam roller after the fashion which Flinn employed in Pennsylvania but failed. The committee acknowledged that the Progressive party is dead, but refused to pledge the support of the survivors to Justice Hughes. "I have always supposed that the Progressive party was primarily a revolt against machine rule," says Bainbridge Colby, one of the Progressive leaders of New York. "And yet," he adds, "Perkins and Flinn are falling back upon the rankest machine methods, but with slight success, I must add, in their attempt to deliver our party to the Republicans."

So far as Perkins, Flinn and Roosevelt are concerned, the Progressive party never had a higher motive than to conserve the ambitions of selfish office seekers. For nearly a quarter of a century Bill Flinn has been striving to break into high official life. Having acquired a vast fortune by the misuse of official favoritism in municipal contracts he imagined that he could buy his way into the United States Senate. But he was disappointed and joined the Progressive party in the hope of achieving the result. Perkins occupied a precisely similar position and was under personal obligation to Roosevelt for preventing a criminal prosecution against him for violating the anti-discrimination laws. Of course Roosevelt's purpose was to get another term as President.

But the rank and file of the Progressives were influenced, probably by higher motives. Such men as Mr. Colby may have indulged the hope that through the instrumentality of the new party certain abuses in public life might be corrected. If that be true, however, they were unwise in their choice of leadership. Recent experience has proven this fact and as Mr. Colby declares, "no party machine ever treated the party membership with more contempt and insolence, not even the Republican steam roller of 1912." Flinn and Perkins had deliberately sold the party, with the assent of Roosevelt, to the old Republican machine and the German conspiracy and were trying to deliver the goods.

Lieut. Marchal who flew over Berlin and dropped tracts is somewhat of a humorist. But suggestions of humanity are wasted on the residents of the German capital. The only thing to drop upon them is bricks.

All efforts to secure clemency for Sir Roger Casement through legal processes have failed but if the British government is wise it will extend clemency as a matter of generosity to a misguided but honest patriot.

Hughes seems to have enlisted all the crooks to his support except Sulzer and he'll probably get him in the end.

Bill Flinn is an elector on the Hughes ticket which is a good price for his perfidy.

Contributors to Bill Sulzer's campaign fund will probably ask for a receipt.

Harry S. McDevitt, a former Johnstown newspaper man but now an attorney for the State Economy and Efficiency Commission paid the new penitentiary at Rockview an official visit on Monday. Mr. McDevitt is much interested in the fact that the penitentiary has in the neighborhood of three thousand acres of good farm land, enabling the management to thoroughly test prison farming on a large scale. He is also interested in the investigation of the commission appointed to gather facts and report upon the practicability of establishing a plant for the manufacture of brick on a large scale on the penitentiary lands, to be used in constructing state highways. This commission, by the way, has not yet formulated a report.

The firemen of Pleasant Gap will hold their big fifth annual firemen's festival, at Noll's grove, Pleasant Gap, Saturday, July 29th, 1916. All the refreshments of the season will be served. Music will be furnished throughout the evening by the Pleasant Gap band. Go and have a good time.

The "Watchman" should be read in every home in Centre county. Why don't you try it?

ISN'T IT COOL.

M. MURRAY BALSAM. Where're on the street. Some folks that I meet. Tell me in a manner concise: "The weather is hot." I say "I care not." I keep cool by thinking of ICE. They say "Why, its fierce, Old Sol's rays just pierce, I feel like a dish of boiled rice; I wish I were you. Had nothing to do. 'Cept keep cool by thinking of ICE." A friend (by the way) I met, said one day: "This weather for me will suffice. I can't stand the heat. 'Keep cool,' says I, 'just think of ICE.' He mopped up his brow. 'I'm thinking right now.' He said as he coughed once or twice. Since then, sad to tell, My friend's gone—well, The place where they've no use for ICE. Now don't be a fool, And follow this rule, List not to my word of advice. I perspire a bit Myself, I'll admit, 'Cause I can't write and still think of ICE.

Helping the Good Roads.

From the Harrisburg Patriot. The President's signature to the good roads bill providing an appropriation of \$75,000,000 for national aid to state highway construction marks another achievement for the administration. Under its terms, Pennsylvania may receive \$5,535,750 for highways, if it provides a similar amount and agrees to national supervision of construction.

Two years or more ago, Pennsylvania had a similar opportunity to share in a lesser way in the same sort of an arrangement. At that time Bigelow was rampant on Capitol Hill and the roads throughout the State. The law, then as now, provided that the State could obtain bounty from the national government if it raised an equal amount and agreed to having its plans and specifications for road building drawn by the national government and its work inspected by federal agents.

Representative Humes offered such a measure. It was an embarrassing moment for Bigelowism. Acceptance meant the exposure of its road-building methods and a contrast with the federal system of road-making. So rather than accept this help, the gang turned down the federal offer. A similar opportunity awaits the new Legislature. If its political complexion is Republican will it have the courage to accept this Democratic lifeline?

England's Narrowmindedness.

From the Harrisburg-Star Independent. It comes from London that England has placed a number of American firms on the prohibitive list, meaning that residents of England are forbidden to buy from those on such a list. Where would England be now if a year ago the United States had put the entire nation on the prohibitive list? The very ammunition used against Germany by England while it was perfecting its own ammunition factories was gotten by contract in this country.

It may be that England is a trifle quick on the trigger. She has not yet defeated Germany, and Germany has resources that may prolong the big struggle indefinitely, in which case it is quite likely that England will again be hunting shells, explosives and guns in this country. There is such a thing as a boycott, and even nations may employ it, if required. The British blacklist against these American firms is only another evidence of the narrowness characteristic of Great Britain since the war was begun.

A Great Idea.

From the Youth's Companion. Not for years have rags and waste paper brought such high prices as now, and not for years have Boy Scout patrols and groups of Camp Fire girls felt such an implacable need of raising large sums of money for baseball uniforms and vacation trips. Do not those two deep thoughts, thus placed side by side, suggest a Great Idea? They do, indeed, and some of the boys have already seen it. One patrol has made \$58.39 by gathering and selling old rags and papers. There is no patent on the plan, and, best of all, those who adopt it will be doing a real public service, for almost every business in the country is suffering, in one way or another, from the shortage of rags and the high price of paper.

Too Tolerant.

From the Philadelphia Bulletin. Bishop Conrad said at a dinner in Newport "News": "Some folks regard their sins in too generous and tolerant a way. They're like Cal Clay. 'I said to Cal one day: 'Salhoun, my man, General Douglas has positive proof that you looted his chicken house last week. I should think you'd be ashamed to take communion after such a rascally deed as that.' 'Mah goo'ness, sah,' said Cal reproachfully, 'Ah wouldn't let a few measly chickens stand 'twixt me an' de Lawd's table!'"

SPAULS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

Two hundred and fifty-three Williamsport youngsters have raised one crop in the school gardens this year and some of them are getting ready to raise a second crop.

Fortage has a venerable couple in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Miller, the former in his 93rd year, the latter aged 89. Both are in feeble health, but they are cheerful.

Judge Charles N. Brumm believes in the purity of the ballot box. He has just sentenced an unfaithful judge of elections in Schuylkill county to serve a term of seven years in prison.

More than 200 foreign residents of Westmoreland county expect to become American citizens during the last week in August, at which time the license work will be in session at Greensburg.

Scott Woods Jr., of Phillipsburg, was knocked senseless by a bolt of lightning and remained in that condition for nine or ten hours. One arm was painfully burned but he has recovered from the shock.

While his father stood only a few feet away, Albert Borring, aged 16 years, undertook to jump from a freight passing through New Florence, his home town, fell under the wheels and was instantly killed.

Judge Francis J. O'Connor, of Cambria county, who had a leg amputated some months ago, has procured an artificial limb and is now learning to walk for the second time. It is said he is making rapid progress.

James Hotchkiss, of Coal Run, Somerset county, is still mining coal, although he is 76 years of age. He has been working in mines for 66 years, having begun as a boy of 10. It is not likely his record can be surpassed in the State.

Washington Camp No. 166, P. O. S. of A., presented the public schools with a Union with a large American flag last Saturday evening. Judge A. W. Johnson, of Lewisburg, a member of the Order, delivered the presentation address.

Charles T. Huston, the founder of Williamsport's first daily newspaper, was buried from the home of his son, Charles N. Huston, in Williamsport, Monday afternoon. He died in Hanover, York county, last Saturday, at the age of 88 years.

The interesting statement is made that Mrs. Orrin Chittester, of Falls Creek, Clearfield county, attempted suicide by swallowing a quantity of butter coloring, and it is added that nothing but the heroic work of physicians and others saved her life.

Kenneth Geist, five years old, admitted to the Altoona hospital three years ago suffering from tuberculosis of the spine, was Saturday sent to his home strong and hale. A four inch section of the boy's right shin bone was inserted into the spine.

According to a dispatch from Indiana, president rumor credits Rochester & Pittsburgh interests with the immediate purchase of more than 10,000 acres of coal lands in the Jacksonville district, the sellers being the Clearfield Bituminous Coal corporation and the Kent Coal company.

The Cambria Steel Co's plant, it is reported, will turn out the 50,000 tons of barbed wire for which the Midvale Steel and Ordnance Co. recently received an order. The Johnstown plant is the only one of the Midvale string equipped for manufacturing barbed wire. Thousands of tons have already been sent out from Johnstown.

Near Punxsutawney a few days ago an automobile crashed into a building in which Mrs. Samuel Holben and her daughter were residing, smashing the vehicle and scattering the produce they were taking to Punxsutawney all over the road. The big machine never slowed up but soon disappeared, leaving the women lying in the road. Fortunately they were not seriously hurt.

A party of autoists by the name of Swartz passed through Millheim, Centre county, a few days ago while the household goods of the late Henry Brown were being sold. They purchased some old-fashioned pieces, among them a venerable chest which after investigation proved—according to an inscription—to have been made in 1797 by George Swartz, a great-great-grandfather of one of the purchasers.

The National hotel property, of Lewistown, owned by Mrs. Robert Elder, of Leadville, Colorado, was sold on Friday to H. J. Cohen for \$40,000. The property is located on the public square in the heart of the business section and has been idle since license was knocked out in Millifun county in 1908, at which time it closed its doors to the public with furniture and fixtures intact. Mr. Cohen will convert the lower floor into a store room and the second and third stories into a temperance hotel and lodging house.

It has been discovered that ex-County Treasurer William J. Grover, of Coudersport, an old soldier and for years familiarly known as "Honorable Billy," is \$12,160 short in his accounts. He admits the shortage and has turned over his 400-acre farm, about \$6,000 worth of personal property and other real estate, all of a total value of \$24,000, as security. No man in Potter county could boast of a better name, and the revelation has wounded every person in the county. The banks are amply secured.

Charles Dunkelberger, a well known contractor, of Kulpmont, is suffering from a severe case of blood poisoning as a result of which it is feared he will lose his left arm. Several days ago Mr. Dunkelberger picked a small pimple on his arm. Infection developed and within a short time the arm had swollen to almost twice its normal size. Dr. Fegley, of Kulpmont, is administering treatment and is doing everything in his power to check the spread of the poison and save the affected arm.

Standing in front of a mirror in Room 72 in the Central Y. M. C. A. building at DuBois, Saturday morning at 11:20 o'clock Robert Fishman, age 26 years, local manager of the Sulzberger & Sons Beef Co., wholesale meat dealer, committed suicide by firing a bullet into his brain. The shot was fired from a 32 calibre revolver, and an examination of the gun later showed that an attempt had been made to fire every cartridge, but only one exploded and that one the bullet that extinguished the spark of life. He killed himself without making preparations and did not leave the customary note explaining the cause.

Miss Mellissa Copenhaver, the 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Copenhaver, who reside a short distance above Clearfield, was drowned Sunday evening at nine o'clock in the Susquehanna river in front of her home while wading about in the water a few feet from shore. Her body was not recovered until seven o'clock Monday morning when it was seen lying on the old dam near the N. Y. C. station in the lower part of the town. Miss Copenhaver was with two other girls at the time. All got in deep water and Mr. Copenhaver rescued the other two not knowing that his own daughter was drowning before his eyes.